

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO.: 1:15CR329
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	JUDGE JOHN R. ADAMS
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
JASON M. COPE,	)	<b><u>GOVERNMENT'S NOTICE OF</u></b>
	)	<b><u>RELATED CASE</u></b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

Now comes the United States of America, by and through Steven M. Dettelbach, United States Attorney, and Christos N. Georgalis and Adam Hollingsworth, Assistant United States Attorneys, and hereby files this Notice of Related Case. Pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 57.9(b)(3), Case Number 1:15CR329 is related to Case Number 1:15CR075 (United States v. Stephan J. Wilshinsky), Case Number 1:15CR117 (United States v. Izak Zirk De Maison, aka Izak Zirk Engelbrecht, aka Zirk Engelbrecht), Case Number 1:15CR288 (United States v. Kieran T. Kuhn), and Case Number 1:15CR287 (United States v. Kona Jones Barbera), which are currently assigned to the Honorable Judge Benita Y. Pearson. The Cope Information filed on September 9, 2015, charges a related scheme as set forth in the Wilshinsky, De Maison, Kuhn, and Barbera cases. A copy of this Notice will be sent to the chambers of U.S. District Judge Pearson via electronic mail.

Although Rule 57.9 provides for reassignment of related cases, the rule itself does not articulate a governing standard. Rather, when filing a criminal case, the United States Attorney's Office is required "in any case which is, or might be considered, related to another case, file a motion/notice with both District Judges advising the Court of the relationship. A new violation resulting in a federal indictment or information may be considered related to the previously filed case." Id. Pursuant to that rule, the government is hereby providing this notice.

Due to the fact that there is strong factual nexus between the case previously assigned to U.S. District Judge Pearson and the scheme as charged in the Information in this case, the government believes that these should be considered as related cases under Rule 57.9(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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